

Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Aspen Room, East Senate Office Building

Commission: Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Rep. Becky Edwards, Carrie Mayne, Ann Marie Thompson, Anne Burkholder, Judy Barnett

Excused: Sen. Luz Escamilla, Sen. Deidre Henderson, Trina Eyring, Jennifer Robinson and Heather Barnum

Staff Support: Gail Tilson with additional support from Jen Jankowski

Attendees: John Dougall, State Auditor; and Matthew Weinstein, Voices for Utah Children

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Welcome	Welcome (Rep. Chavez-Houck) Rep. Chavez-Houck presented a formal change she would like to see adopted by the commission: Out of respect and understanding of the important work we are doing, it would be good for each commissioner (other than our representatives and senators) to use the title of Commissioner. The minutes from our last meeting were approved.	A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Jan. 22, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
Secretary Perez Roundtable Discussion	Co-chairs are pleased with the turn-out we had with the roundtable. This was an important meeting and discussion which brought to light many of the issues we as women face every day.	Non-profit associations should join us in this discussion to see how we quantify some of these issues (i.e., women staying home to raise children; volunteering; unpaid workforce). We should

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<p>Article from LinkedIn, Regarding Women and Speaking Out</p> <p>Sub-committee Updates</p>	<p>Commissioner Ann Marie Thompson presented highlights from this article, giving examples of how female professionals have been encouraged to speak up more, but when they do, they are often interrupted, perceived as being aggressive, while their male counterparts are appreciated for their fine ideas.</p> <p>State Auditor John Dougall was asked by Jennifer Seelig (Public Policy Sub-committee) to talk to the Commission as a follow-up to last month's meeting. In our January meeting, concerned women in the interior design industry spoke to us regarding their requirement to have an architect sign off on the commercial space they design over 3,000 sq. ft.</p> <p>Mr. Dougall addressed the topic of licensure. Are we placing too many barriers in the way? Are costs appropriate or excessive? Two professions Mr. Dougall addressed are cosmetology and child care. In some cases it may take one or two months of profit (in child care) to pay for the required license.</p> <p>There is a bill before the legislature right now to change the amount of time the government will pay for someone on assistance to go to school for 36 months instead of 24 months.</p> <p>Update from the Research Sub-committee: Commissioner Carrie Mayne (relaying information from Dr. Robinson) said the focus right now is just getting the committee together. She is still waiting to hear from the BYU people. This sub-committee will meet after the legislative session ends.</p>	<p>check with the Utah Commission on Volunteers and/or the Family Consumer Studies Dept. at the U. of U.</p> <p>Gail will forward the article to the Commission for review.</p> <p>State Auditor John Dougall's contact information will be sent to the Commission. Please send him concerns you have and issues you feel should be looked at.</p>

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Next Meeting	Update from the Communications Sub-committee: Commissioner Mayne gave update for Commissioner Heather Barnum. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 24 th at the Salt Lake Chamber. Agenda items have been identified and contact is being made for a few more possible members.	Rep. Chavez-Houck suggested contacting Olga de la Cruz, Director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She thinks Ms. de la Cruz would be a wonderful addition to the team.
	Matthew Weinstein attended the Commission meeting and was introduced. He is working with Voices for Utah's Children and has done research on the gender gap.	The report is on their website for those who would like to read it.
	Gail will send out a Doodle Poll so we can schedule the next meeting.	